

EU-Zambia Strategic Partnership on Sustainable Raw Materials

Simplified Roadmap Summary (2024–2030)

In October 2023, the European Union and the Republic of Zambia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership for Sustainable Raw Materials Value Chains. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to promote responsible mining, local value addition, and green industrialisation. In June 2024, a detailed Roadmap was adopted, outlining actions across five key pillars aligned with the objectives of the MoU.



Mineral Value Chains Development

Support joint ventures between
Zambian and EU
industries

Enhance
Environmental,
Social and
Governance (ESG)
standards

Promote in-country
processing and
value addition of
critical minerals

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Infrastructure for Value Chains

Invest in transport
and energy
infrastructure
(e.g. Lobito
Corridor, power
interconnectors)

Rehabilitate key
road and rail links
supporting mining
zones

Enable digital
infrastructure and
industrial zones

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Transparent Licensing and ASM Reform

Strengthen legal
frameworks and
improve licensing
systems

Digitalise cadastre
and increase
transparency in
mining rights

Formalise artisanal
and small-scale
mining (ASM) with
traceability tools

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Geological Data and Exploration

Scale up geological
mapping and data
systems

Support mineral
exploration,
including tailings
reuse and recycling

Promote use of
green technologies
in exploration and
extraction

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Skills and Governance

Develop mining
sector skills via
TEVETA and local
institutions

Improve fiscal
governance,
tax compliance,
and EITI
implementation

Encourage public
participation and
oversight through
CSO engagement

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This Roadmap is a living document, jointly monitored by the EU and Government of Zambia to ensure relevance, stakeholder engagement and measurable progress across all pillars.

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